

# Mackinac Bridge December Traffic Report

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**January 13, 2004**

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 248,869 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of December. This represents a 51 percent decrease when compared to the 262,338 crossings during December 2002. Commercial traffic for the month of December was up 2.5 percent.

Traffic for 2003 was 4.3 percent behind 2002 traffic; 4,528,548 vehicles versus 4,733,189 in 2002. Commercial traffic for 2003 is up 0.3 percent over last year.

Fare revenue for the month of December was up nearly 50 percent and nearly 40 percent for the year, compared to 2002. This increase is due to the toll restructuring that was implemented on May 1, 2003.

	Traffic 2003	Traffic 2002	% Inc.	2003 Fare Revenues	2002 Fare Revenues	% Change
<b>January</b>	230,336	225,788	2.0	\$601,274	\$576,938	4.2
<b>February</b>	226,199	238,647	-5.2	\$581,708	\$604,214	-3.7
<b>March</b>	245,427	256,872	-4.5	\$617,334	\$641,746	-3.8
<b>April</b>	246,102	262,768	-6.3	\$612,611	\$649,797	-5.7
<b>May</b>	370,850	383,847	-3.4	\$1,323,354	\$866,318	52.8
<b>June</b>	464,103	493,491	-6.0	\$1,591,978	\$1,042,211	52.8
<b>July</b>	638,340	685,603	-6.9	\$2,066,579	\$1,370,229	50.8
<b>August</b>	673,205	692,396	-2.8	\$2,139,152	\$1,384,356	54.5
<b>September</b>	451,732	493,683	-8.5	\$1,541,121	\$1,055,364	46.0
<b>October</b>	414,221	416,971	-0.7	\$1,428,239	\$928,744	53.8
<b>November</b>	319,185	320,785	-0.5	\$1,099,801	\$725,329	51.6
<b>December</b>	248,869	262,338	-5.1	\$899,945	\$606,583	48.4